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TAGS: ETRD, PINT, UR, CA  
SUBJECT: SOVIET MFA CALLS IN CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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SUMMARY: MFA OFFICIAL CALLED IN CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD  
TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ANTI-SOVIET COMMENTS IN THE CANADIAN  
PARLIAMENT AND PRESS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO  
ALLEGED SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN QUEBEC. OFFICIAL HELD SUCH  
CRITICISM DOES NOT "MEET THE INTERESTS" OF SOVIET-CANADIAN  
RELATIONS AND CALLED FOR THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE  
"APPROPRIATE MEASURES" TO END THE "CAMPAIGN". CANADIANS  
INTERPRET NON-MENTION OF EXPULSION OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS AS  
"GOOD SIGN" WHILE HOLDING THAT IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO  
DETERMINE IF OR HOW SOVIETS WILL RETALIATE. END SUMMARY.  
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1. CANADIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD US THAT CHIEF/AMBASSADOR, MFA'S  
SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, V.P. SUSLOV, CALLED IN  
CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD MARCH 2. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN  
SOURCE, SUSLOV TOLD FORD THAT:

-- MFA IS UPSET BY THE HOSTILE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN THE

CANADIAN PRESS AND IN THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT, ESPECIALLY THE STATEMENTS BY OPPOSITION MP TOM COSSIT CHARGING SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN CANADIAN AFFAIRS (NOTE: A FEBRUARY 19 SIGNED ARTICLE IN PRAVDA DENOUNCES COSSIT'S CHARGES OF SOVIET/CUBAN EFFORTS TO FOMENT DISORDER IN QUEBEC AND CITES CANADIAN PRESS SOURCES AS HOLDING THAT COSSIT HAS LINKS WITH THE CANADIAN SPECIAL SERVICES AND THE CIA. END NOTE).

-- THE SOVIET UNION REJECTS THAT IT IS INVOLVED IN THE QUEBEC QUESTION, BECAUSE IT CONSIDERS THIS QUESTION TO BE A PURELY INTERNAL MATTER FOR CANADA.

-- THESE ANTI-SOVIET DECLARATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS HAVING AN "UNFRIENDLY CHARACTER" TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION "DO NOT MEET THE INTERESTS" OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND CANADA AND ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THE CANADIAN SIDE'S STATEMENT ON THE DESIRE TO DEVELOP THESE RELATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS AND COOPERATION.

-- MFA EXPECTS "APPROPRIATE MEASURES" TO BE TAKEN TOWARD ENDING THE "CAMPAIGN".

2. SUSLOV CONCLUDED BY HANDING FORD A NON-PAPER SUMMARIZING HIS ORAL STATEMENTS. FORD NOTED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONTROL WHAT THE CANADIAN PRESS OR CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPOSITION MPS CHOOSE TO SAY, NOR DO THESE STATEMENTS NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO LIGHT BANTER ON RECENT HOCKEY MATCHES IN MOSCOW AND ENDED ON A JOVIAL TONE.

3. COMMENT: SUSLOV DID NOT MENTION THE CANADIAN EXPULSION OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS DURING THE MEETING. THE CANADIANS HERE INTERPRET THIS AS A "GOOD SIGN" BUT BELIEVE IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO ANTICIPATE WHEN, HOW OR IF THE SOVIETS INTEND TO RETALIATE. TOON

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